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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO : Executive Secretary, EIC  
THRU : Chief, Materials Division  
FROM : Executive Secretary, EIC Subcommittee  
SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report, FY '55.  
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1. The only formal meeting of the Subcommittee during FY '55 was held on 5 October '54. The activities have consisted principally of informal discussions between the AFOIN, Army Map Service, and CIA Members concerned with electric power research. These discussions, mainly on the subject of gaps in intelligence, resulted in the determination of the priority deficiencies. These were submitted to the Members of the Subcommittee by means of EPSF-D-3, dated 30 September '54, and formal agreement on the deficiencies, as stated, was reached at the meeting of 5 October '54.

2. The material for Columns 4 and 5 of the columnar outline of priority research has now been provided and a draft, EPSF-D-4, of the completed survey on electric power deficiencies is being submitted with this report to the Members of the Subcommittee, for consideration and comment. It is expected that formal action on it will be taken at the next meeting.

3. No action was taken toward a survey of priority deficiencies in the field of solid fuels, since CIA is the only Agency now doing active research in that field in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Mr. J. A. Corgan, Bureau of Mines, was appointed an Associate Member of the Subcommittee in order that it may receive the benefit of his past experience on solid fuels within the Sino-Soviet Bloc and his present knowledge of these fuels in areas outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

4. With respect to "agreed statistics" the consensus was that the only item presently susceptible of such treatment was "gross national annual production" figures for electric power. Consideration is being given to the development of "agreed statistics" on solid fuels.

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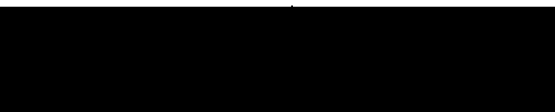
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5. The Subcommittee provides a channel for communication with EIC and also is a means for such inter-agency formal action as may be required. For these reasons, it should be continued. However, in view of the small number of research staffs concerned - - AFOIN, Army Map Service, and CIA for electric power, and CIA only for solid fuels - - it is believed that best results will be obtained by continuance of informal contacts between the representatives of the staffs mentioned above.

6. Under these circumstances, meetings of the Subcommittee would be held on an ad hoc basis for consideration and formal action on matters of common interest to the represented agencies.

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